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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/527,611	Applicant(s) FALTYSEK, DANIEL R.	
	Examiner Victor Batson	Art Unit 3671	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6, 14-22 and 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13 and 25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 23 & 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dufty et al. (5,509,487).

Dufty et al. discloses a turf drill chuck (shown but not numbered) that attaches turf drill bit 44 to bearing plates 45. The drill chuck allows for rotation of the drill bit when powered by the drive motor and prevents rotation of the drill bit when the motor is not operating.

Claims 23 & 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Thom (2,918,130).

Thom discloses a turf drill chuck 12 that attaches turf drill bit 44 to bearing plates 14. The drill chuck allows for rotation of the drill bit when powered by the drive motor and prevents rotation of the drill bit when the motor is not operating.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-13,25 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 3/29/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding claim 23, applicant argues that neither Thom or Dufty et al.,

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discloses a means for allowing rotation of an engaged drill bit during insertion of the drill bit into turf, and a means for preventing rotation of the drill bit during withdrawal from the turf. It is the examiner's position that applicant's arguments are more limiting than the claims themselves. It is the examiner's position that the phrases "during insertion of the drill bit into turf" and "during withdrawal from the turf" are intended use recitations. If the devices are normally operated and the drill bits are powered and rotated during insertion in the ground, they meet the claimed limitation of including a means for allowing rotation of an engaged drill bit. Subsequently, if the drive means is stopped while the drill bits are in the ground, such as by purposely or accidentally stopping the drive means or stopping the engine, the drill bits would be prevented from rotating, thereby meeting the limitation of including a means for preventing rotation of the drill bit during withdrawal from the turf. Similarly regarding claim 24, if the engine were stopped, the stopped drive means would prevent rotation of the drill bit even if a tensile force is applied to the drill bit.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor Batson whose telephone number is (571) 272-6987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Will can be reached on (571) 272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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